

**YAKAMA NATION HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**



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2nd Advertisement
Natural Resource Technician
Soil & Moisture Conservation (SMC)
Department of Natural Resources
Hourly Wage: \$15.29/Furlough-Regular

Responsible to make routine soil conservation compliance inspections which require employee to recognize and report practices that are detrimental to Soil & Moisture Conservation and to safeguard the Yakama Nation's interest in reporting compliance conservation stipulations. Gather preliminary information and assist other Natural Resources personnel to be used for development of conservation and inventory resources and planning, soil inventory surveys, weed surveys, etc.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Knowledge of written and oral communication skills sufficient to understand soil and moisture conservation practices typical for the Yakama Reservation.
- Knowledge of area crops, livestock and irrigation equipment.
- Knowledge of soil and water conservation methods and agriculture operations sufficient to apply to area agricultural Indian land units.
- Ability to communicate with landowners and users.
- Ability to learn and recognize weed species accurately and to assist in surveys.
- Ability to read maps and aerial photos.
- Ability to operate standard computer programs and to do data entry.
- Ability to operate a motor vehicle.
- Ability to pass a Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) background check.
- Ability to give and receive oral and verbal reports of trespass or other issues to landowners, staff and tenants.

General Recruiting Indicators:

- Minimum of six months experience in an Agriculture or Natural Resources field OR one year of college level education may be substituted for experience.

Special Requirements:

- Required to pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol test.
- Ability to obtain and maintain a valid Washington State Driver's License.
- Must be physically and mentally able to work in outdoor conditions, most work is in the field.